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PREMIER BARRETT TO DISCUSS ENERGY.

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1. VANCOUVER PRESS REPORTS, AND LOCAL INDUSTRY SOURCES CONFIRM THAT WASHINGTON STATE'S SELECT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, TAXATION, AND ENERGY SUPPLIES WILL MEET PREMIER BARRETT DECEMBER 19, 1973 TO DISCUSS SUPPLIES OF NATURAL GAS AND CRUDE OIL. COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMAN,

REP. ROBERT A. PERRY REPORTEDLY REQUESTED MEETING TO DETERMINE POLICIES OF B.C. AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON ENERGY SUPPLIES STATING, QUOTE WE KNOW FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ALREADY ALLOCATING CRUDE OIL SUPPLIES FOR AMERICAN REFINERIES, BUT WE DON'T YET KNOW WHAT POLICIES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED TO GOVERN OUR NATURAL GAS IMPORTS FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA UNQUOTE.

2. PERRY ACKNOWLEDGED AMERICAN GAS COMPANIES ARE WILLING TO PAY HIGHER PRICES FOR CANADIAN GAS, BUT WERE DISTURBED BY REPORTS THAT B.C. PRODUCTION WOULD HAVE TO BE CURTAILED AND THAT THE B.C.

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GOVERNMENT WAS GOING TO MAKE AMERICAN CUSTOMERS ABSORB ALL PRO-

DUCTION CUT-BACKS. QUOTE WE HAVE TO GET UP THERE AND SEE JUST
WHAT IS HAPPENING AND TO DETERMINE WHAT STEPS WE SHOULD TAKE IF
IMPORTS ARE CUT BACK UNQUOTE.

3. THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO SAID TO BE TAKING A LONG LOOK AT THE
EFFECT OF THE OIL SHORTAGE ON WASHINGTON STATE'S PLASTICS INDUSTRY.
MANY FIRMS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF PETROLEUM BASED PRODUCTS
ALREADY HAVE BEEN HARD HIT. QUOTE IT IS A SERIOUS SITUATION AND I
DON'T THINK WE'RE BEING TOLD THE WHOLE TRUTH UNQUOTE, SAID PERRY.

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